

Specification Amendments

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22, with the amended paragraph, as follows:

As illustrated in FIG. 1, an ice axe device, indicated generally at 10, with an adjustable handle or grip 14 in accordance with the present invention is shown for accommodating the size of a climber's hand during ice climbing and the like. Ice climbing, ~~Apining~~ Alpining, and the like are examples of fields that can benefit from the use of such an ice axe. The ice axe device 10 can ~~by~~ be a competition or leashless type ice axe.